# Neeraj Pradhan

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## **EXPERIENCE**

#### **GROUPON** | Machine Learning Engineer, Search & Data Mining

June 2014 - present | Palo Alto, CA

- Set up data infrastructure for user activity based personalization and search query click analtics.
- Prototyped models for demand-supply gap analysis, query term categorization and Related Search using query click log data, and deployed to production.

#### **STANFORD UNIVERSITY** | Graduate Teaching Assistant

Sept 2013 - June 2014 | Stanford, CA

- Machine Learning (CS229) by Prof. Andrew Ng
- Mining Massive Datasets (CS246) by Prof. Jure Leskovec
- Simulation (MS&E 223) by Prof. Peter J. Haas

#### **GROUPON** | Software Development Intern, Search

July 2013 - Sept 2013 | Palo Alto, CA

- Developed a search ranking model to rank deals based on relevance to user profile and search term.
- Deployed the model to production for real-time ranking of deals for web and mobile search.

#### **INMOBI** | Intern, Product Marketing

June 2012 – Aug 2012 | Bangalore, India

• Worked in conjunction with the Engineering and Sales team to release sales and technical collateral for the InMobi Ad Tracker, a cross-platform mobile conversion tracking tool.

#### **FABMART** | Marketing and Strategy Associate

Aug 2011 - Mar 2012 | Bangalore, India

• Worked with the core team of an early stage e-retail startup. Developed the business plan and financial models, and helped with fundraising efforts.

#### **CITIGROUP** | Data Analyst

July 2010 - Aug 2011 | Bangalore, India

• Worked on predictive modeling for credit cards and associated loan products.

#### **TEXAS INSTRUMENTS** | Software Development Intern

Jan 2010 - June 2010 | Bangalore, India

- Worked on integrating testability features as part of chip design.
- Developed methodology for test coverage to critical microprocessor paths not covered by test pattern generation software.

### **EDUCATION**

# STANFORD UNIVERSITY | MS Management Science & Engineering

Sept 2012 - June 2014 | Stanford, CA | Cum. GPA: 3.91

- Concentration in Data Mining.
- Coursework: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Mining Massive Data Sets, Simulation, Networked Markets, Algorithms, Startup Engineering.

# BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE | M.Sc. Physics & B.Tech. Electrical Engineering

Aug 2005 - June 2010 | Pilani, India | Cum. GPA: 9 / 10

• Thesis: Studied the effects of attractor dynamics in modular networks.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Search & Data Mining, Groupon | Under Publication

- "Atypical Queries in eCommerce", to be published in ACM CIKM 2015
- "Big Data Gathering and Mining Pipelines for CRM using Open-source", to be published in IEEE Big Data 2015
- "Mining Lifestyle Personas at Scale in eCommerce", to be published in IEEE Big Data 2015

#### Thesis Research, Institute of Mathematical Science | link

• "Modular organization enhances the robustness of attractor network dynamics", Europhys. Letters, 2011

#### Texas Instruments | link

• "At-speed Testing of Asynchronous Reset De-assertion Faults", International Conference on VLSI Design 2012

#### CS 229 project, Stanford University | link

• "Author identification of movie reviews"

# **PROGRAMMING**

Python • Java • Shell • R • LATEX